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I STRONGLY URGE you to vote OUGHT TO PASS on LD1976, Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 379: Compensation for Impacts to High-Value Agricultural Land from Solar Energy Development, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection. This is an absolute necessity! We are ruining a lot of our most fertile lands by putting a solar farm on it. This misguided idea that we are able to change what the climate will be is absolutely wrong. The climate has changed continually through time and will continue to do so. It is not a static phenomenon. The idea that man can do anything to change its course is ludicrous, at best, arrogant at worst. The earth has had many cycles in its existence and will have many more. The point being is that we should not waste precious and productive ground for the fantasy of changing climate. Something we will NEVER be able to do. What we can do is make use every bit of our resources to produce things that nourish people and/or add to their lives. Growing up on a farm and with many, many gardens to help feed us throughout the long winter has made me appreciate the value of fertile lands and producing food. Putting up disposable and ugly, not to mention unproductive solar fields is an abomination to mankind! Please, I STRONGLY URGE you to keep our agriculture growing and do away with these wasteful, useless, plastic monstrosities on our fields and roadside. Your grandchildren will THANK YOU, as I do for voting OUGHT TO PASS on LD1976 and learn how they are ruining our farmlands! Thank you!